

# Monthly Conference Call Agenda – OWCI Programs

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- Special Guests – Energy Suppliers
  - **Page Selby, Ameren UE**
    - Programs available for energy assistance through Ameren (assists with past-due bills, reducing bills, and medical + rehousing needs):
      - LIHEAP (Energy Assistance and Crisis Prevention), Dollar More + Disaster Funds, Keeping Current, Weatherization, Keeping Cool, New Start Energy Relief, Budget Billing, Critical Medical Needs Program, etc.
      - [Ameren.com/Assistance](http://Ameren.com/Assistance)
      - My Energy Manager tool (energy usage by appliance with personalized tips for savings)
  - **Vernita Rodgers, Spire**
    - Programs available for energy assistance through Spire
      - LIHEAP, Extended Due Date (for SSI customers), Registered Customer Program, Medical Emergency, Payment Partner Program (extended to cover re-housing clients), Red Tag Repair (repairs to appliances), Critical Medical Needs Program, Level Pay, etc.
  - **Maria Lopez, Evergy**
    - Programs available for energy assistance through Evergy
      - LIHEAP – work with Kansas City Community Action Agency (CAA), the Mid America Assistance Coalition covering Jackson Platte and Clay counties
        - On-site every Tuesday to take walk-ins from customers who have questions about the application or the status
      - Economic Relief Pilot Program with Salvation Army (MO residents who have active military service, have received LIHEAP, and are current on their bill could receive up to \$65/mo for 12 months @ 200% FPL)
      - Critical Medical Needs Program, etc.
      - Work with Hope House as a HUB for energy assistance
      - Medical program available

- 6 Month Extensions October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026
  - Allocations will be based on funding received for GY 25 and State General Revenue 3.5% reduction to each contract.
  - Contract Extension will be sent in September – after we get the Award letter from DOJ and the new terms and conditions.
  - Budget and Budget narratives went out August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 DUE back no later than 9.30.25
- Quarterly report for October 2024 to June 2025
  - A qtr. report will be sent to you TODAY. Due back no later than 9.19.25
  - We need to justify the general revenue funds
    - We will provide instructions for each question on the Q Report.
      - For Question 3, we are looking for a #, not a Yes or a No.
      - For A-D, we are looking for unduplicated # of individuals who received that service category.
- Lori Friedewald- Invoicing
  - Please make sure you're using the current forms for FY 26 for VOCA and FB
  - Invoices due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month
  - Please make sure your reporting Match on the VOCA allocations for the 4<sup>th</sup> extension.
    - Make a note in your email if you are not reporting match for the month you are invoicing for and explain why so we are all aware.
- Dione Pashia- Monitoring
- John Melzer- Training
- Jessica Seitz- MONACA Trainings
  - Trainings coming up for employees at CACs
  - Back to School – community partners are being asked to do Mandated Reporter training
  - Protect MO Kids
- Zak Wilson – MOCADSV Trainings
  - N/A

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- FVSPA Contract – award was received on 7.30.25 (very early)
  - 2024 award was 2.5 M, 2025 Award was 2.54M, 2026 Award is 2.66M
  - FVSPA portion of contract's went out Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup>- Due back No later than 9.2.25
  - You can invoice back to July 2025 for FVSPA once contract has been finalized.
- ARPA funds must be expended by 9.30.2025
- MOCADSV – trainings or updates

### **Conclusion**

- Questions or comments?
- Next meeting: September 11, 2025, at 9:00 am